Special paid leave for female employees for miscarriage

3629. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Airlines grant special paid leave for its female employees for miscarriage;

(b) if so, what is the number of days allowed under such leave;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the privilege is provided to the female employees of Air India?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The types of leave presently admissible are considered adequate.

(d) No, Sir.

Purchasing by Indian Airlines from other than Government agencies

3630. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Airlines is purchasing the canteen items from the agencies other than the Government/Semi Government agencies like Super Bazar, NAFED etc.;

(b) if so, which are these agencies and what are the terms and conditions for the purchase from them;

(c) what are the reasons for not calling tender for the supply of these items; and

(d) what are the criteria for selecting the suppliers at present?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Purchase of canteen items are generally made from Government/Semi Govrenment agencies. When these items are not available with such agencies, purchase from manufacturers, co-operative societies and private suppliers is resorted to. The terms and conditions for purchase vary depending on the items and the mode of purchase.

(c) and (d) Except in cases where the quantity of purchase is very small, tenders are called and suppliers selected after considering aspects such as competitiveness of rates, quality, supplying capacity etc.

Losses incurred by Hotel Brahmaputra Ashoka

3631. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hotel Brahmaputra Ashoka in Guwahati is incurring heavy losses;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government had decided to sell out this ITDC Hotel to private entrepreneurs;

(c) what is the amount of loss incurred by this Hotel during 1991-92; and

(d) what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (d) Hotel Brahmaputra Ashok, Guwahati, which is a joint venture between ITDC and the State Government, has made operational profits ever since its inception from 7-6-1987. It has however, incurred a loss of Rs. 14.96 lakhs during 1991-92 due to payment of instalments of loan and interest charges. There is no proposal to sell this hotel to private entreprenurs.

Development of Tourism in Rajasthan

3632. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the proposals for promotion of Tourism in Rajasthan

received by the Union Government during the last three years upto 30th June, 1992;

(b) the number of proposals approved, rejected and still pending indicating the reasons for rejection of each proposal;

(c) what steps Government have taken so far to further boost tourism both in the summer and winter seasons in Rajasthan under the National Action Plan; and

(d) whether the ceiling for expenditure in case of hotels from Rs. 1,200 is likely to be removed by Government, if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The Central Government received from the Government of Rajasthan 9 projects during 1989-90, 18 projects during 1990-91 and 20 projects during 1991-92 for central financial assistance.

(b) All the projects were approved except one received during 1991-92 due to late receipt. No proopsal from Rajasthan is pending with the Central Department of Tourism.

(c) Under the National Action Plan for Tourism, Jaisalmer-Jodhpur-Bikaner circuit has been identified for intensive development.

(d) For the purpose of levying expenditure tax, floor ceiling of hotel room tariff has been revised from Rs. 400 to 1200, w.e.f. 1-6-1992.

Visit of Tourists to West Bengal

3633. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the numbers of tourists that visited West Bengal during the last three years; and

(b) what amount of money in the form of foreign exchange was earned during this period by the State?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) As per the information available from the State Government, the number of tourists who visited West Bengal during 1989, 1990 and 1991 were 23,38,502, 31,61,041, and 31,08,712 (estimated) respectively.

(b) The Foreign exchange earnings from tourism are not worked out state-wise.

Income from flights to Bagdogra

3634. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of income earned by the Indian Airlines through its flights from Delhi to Bagdogra and from Calcutta to Bagdogra and vice-versa during the last five years; and

(b) whether the Indian Airlines earned profit or suffered loss with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Revenue earned by Indian Airlines on operation of services between Delhi/Calcutta and Bagdogra is not compiled separately. However, the revenue earnings and cash surplus/loss on operation of services through Bagdogra during S a:(fffeff- HS years are as under:

(Rs. in Crores)

	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91 (Provisional)	1991-92
Traffic/Revenue	15·07	15·17	13·71	20·08	16·78
Surplus/(Loss)	3·78	3·86	3·31	5·61	(1·31)